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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Most of the tables in this publication have been prepared entirely on a monthly basis, to provide easy comparison of data. With a few exceptions, annual and quarterly figures are expressed as Monthly Averages, and these can be converted to actual totals by multiplying by 12 and 3 respectively.

For example (from page 1 opposite):

Marriages in year 1958 -

Monthly average	542
Therefore Annual total = $12 \times 542 =$	6,504
(Actual figure is 6,505)	

Births in March quarter 1959 -

Monthly average	1,698
Therefore quarterly total = $3 \times 1,698 =$	5,094
(Actual figure is 5,095)	

The statistics as published can be adapted to give information in a number of different forms. For instance -

- (1) Details can be obtained for calendar or financial years as required, by addition of figures for the four relevant quarters.
- (2) Progress total for the year to date can be obtained by adding totals of quarters and months.

e.g. If May figures are the latest published, total for the 5 months to May = $3 \times$ monthly average of March quarter + April and May.

This procedure can be used to calculate corresponding figures for the same period of the previous two years, or similar information on a financial year basis.

Details of production on pages 6 - 9 are for selected items only. Particulars for several commodities of considerable importance in this State have been withheld because publication would reveal confidential information.

It should be noted that in many cases particulars for the "current" month are not available when this bulletin is issued. In such instances, the most up-to-date information is shown.

ABBREVIATIONS USED.

Throughout this bulletin the following symbols have been used -

n.a.	Not available	p	Preliminary figures
..	Nil (or less than 0.5)	r	Revised since previous issue

When the symbols "p" and "r" are placed in the column headed "Period" (as for example on page 11), they refer to all figures on that particular line.

DEMOGRAPHY

1.

Period	Births	Marriages	Deaths		Net Migration	Population (b)	
			Infant (a)	Total		Whole State	Metro- politan
MONTHLY AVERAGES							
Year:	1955	1,541	519	36	628	1,286	834,635
	1956	1,580	523	31	633	1,326	861,912
	1957	1,628	548	34	631	1,028	886,203
	1958	1,671	542	37	645	790	907,992
	1959	1,698	551	35	662	n.a.	n.a.
Quarter:							
Mar.	1957	1,672	576	35	570	1,156	868,687
June		1,513	572	27	582	547	873,123
Sept.		1,755	485	43	787	1,391	880,200
Dec.		1,572	561	30	586	1,016	886,203
Mar.	1958	1,662	563	33	562	882	892,149
June		1,619	575	31	607	521	896,750
Sept.		1,715	485	46	767	712	901,728
Dec.		1,687	546	41	646	1,047	907,992
Mar.	1959	1,698	597	35	590	1,149	914,763
June		1,630	543	30	638	1,032	920,835
Sept.		1,865	484	49	850	1,154	927,341
Dec.		1,599	580	27	569	n.a.	n.a.
MONTHLY TOTALS							
Oct.	1957	1,692	576	34	715		
Nov.		1,517	540	34	592		NOT
Dec.		1,506	566	22	452		
Oct.	1958	1,859	547	52	798		AVAILABLE
Nov.		1,364	562	30	574		
Dec.		1,837	529	40	565		
Oct.	1959	1,621	702	r 26	585		
Nov.		1,608	487	r 29	545		
Dec.		1,567	551	27	576		

(a) Under 1 year of age

(b) As at the end of each period

NOTE: Population increases of the State can be calculated from the above figures as the sum of Natural Increase (Births minus Deaths) plus Net Migration.

EMPLOYMENT AND BASIC WAGE

Period	Employment (a)						Basic Wage (b)	
	Total	Govern- ment	Private	Principal Industrial Groups				
				Factories	Const- ruction	Retail Trade		
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	s. d.	
MONTH				MALES				
July	1955	181.5	55.9	125.6	72.7	19.0	12.1	231 0
	1956	187.0	57.1	129.9	73.6	21.2	12.3	241 0
	1957	185.8	58.6	127.2	72.7	20.1	12.1	251 0
	1958	185.8	59.2	126.6	73.0	18.9	12.3	256 0
	1959	191.4	61.8	129.6	75.2	20.7	12.4	271 0
Sept.	1957	186.0	58.5	127.5	73.0	19.4	12.1	251 0
Oct.		185.8	58.7	127.1	73.4	19.1	12.1	251 0
Nov.		185.8	58.7	127.1	73.3	19.0	12.4	251 0
Sept.	1958	186.1	59.2	126.9	73.1	19.0	12.3	256 0
Oct.		186.5	59.6	126.9	73.4	19.1	12.3	256 0
Nov.		186.8	59.6	127.2	73.4	19.1	12.5	256 0
Sept.	1959	192.5	62.1	130.4	76.0	20.5	12.6	271 0
Oct.		192.5	61.9	130.6	76.2	20.3	12.7	271 0
Nov.		193.0	61.8	131.2	76.5	20.2	12.9	271 0
				FEMALES				
July	1955	60.1	12.5	47.6	15.6	0.4	12.6	173 0
	1956	62.7	13.6	49.1	15.6	0.5	13.0	180 6
	1957	62.5	14.0	48.5	15.7	0.5	12.3	188 0
	1958	63.4	14.8	48.6	15.8	0.5	12.1	192 0
	1959	65.6	16.0	49.6	16.0	0.5	12.6	203 0
Sept.	1957	62.9	14.1	48.8	16.0	0.5	12.3	188 0
Oct.		62.9	14.1	48.8	16.0	0.5	12.3	188 0
Nov.		63.5	14.1	49.4	16.0	0.5	12.8	188 0
Sept.	1958	63.6	14.7	48.9	15.7	0.5	12.3	192 0
Oct.		63.8	14.7	49.1	15.8	0.5	12.5	192 0
Nov.		64.2	14.7	49.5	15.7	0.5	12.9	192 0
Sept.	1959	66.4	16.0	50.4	16.4	0.5	12.6	203 0
Oct.		66.8	16.0	50.8	16.5	0.5	12.8	203 0
Nov.		67.7	16.1	51.6	16.7	0.5	13.3	203 0

(a) As at last pay-day in month. EXCLUDING rural workers, female private domestics and defence forces.

(b) At end of month

STATISTICS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

UNEMPLOYMENT

Period (Year)	Registered with Commonwealth Employment Service			Unemployment Benefits		
	Vacancies filled	Vacancies available (a)	Applicants awaiting placement (a) (b)	Persons admitted	Amount paid	Persons on Benefit (a)
MONTHLY AVERAGES	No.	No.	No.	No.	£	No.
Year:						
1955	1,953	6,410	1,298	39	743	56
1956	1,902	1,668	3,299	365	4,869	978
1957	1,746	1,430	4,593	624	15,563	1,568
1958	1,865	2,059	5,240	898	33,212	1,703
1959	2,163	2,275	4,813	605	23,049	1,120
Quarter:						
Mar.	1957	2,186	1,365	3,294	395	10,914
June		1,594	1,084	4,152	629	9,904
Sept.		1,586	1,385	4,164	791	17,683
Dec.		1,621	1,430	4,593	680	23,749
Mar.	1958	2,463	1,050	5,484	892	26,547
June		1,495	948	5,873	1,128	33,871
Sept.		1,604	1,344	5,439	961	42,136
Dec.		1,899	2,059	5,240	613	30,296
Mar.	1959	2,543	1,526	5,140	667	24,109
June		2,198	1,581	4,824	668	24,259
Sept.		2,107	1,825	4,388	625	24,400
Dec.		1,803	2,275	4,813	458	19,428
MONTHLY TOTALS						
Oct.	1957	1,926	1,423	4,161	553	15,335
Nov.		1,553	1,428	4,492	847	25,841
Dec.		1,383	1,430	4,593	641	30,072
Oct.	1958	1,960	1,377	5,209	591	38,240
Nov.		1,860	1,769	5,112	695	29,201
Dec.		1,878	2,059	5,240	552	23,448
Oct.	1959	1,748	1,892	4,373	535	17,604
Nov.		1,900	2,180	4,459	425	20,818
Dec.		1,761	2,275	4,813	415	19,863

(a) Actual numbers as at the end of the period.

(b) Applicants who stated when registering that they were unemployed. Includes recipients of Unemployment Benefits.

BUILDINGS - COMMENCEMENTS AND COMPLETIONS
(WHOLE STATE)

Period	Houses		Flats		Total Buildings (a)	
	Number (a)	Value (£'000)	Number (a)	Value (£'000)	Number	Value (£'000)
COMMENCEMENTS						
MONTHLY AVERAGES						
Year:	1954-55	599	1,767	6	13	672
	1955-56	698	2,131	11	27	781
	1956-57	569	1,792	25	55	662
	1957-58	579	1,875	42	90	684
	1958-59	677	2,170	63	153	822
Quarter:						
Dec.	1956	604	1,824	15	27	677
Mar.	1957	512	1,648	28	69	619
June		580	1,849	24	52	671
Sept.		644	2,106	42	108	760
Dec.		563	1,824	30	51	653
Mar.	1958	505	1,624	50	104	615
June		605	1,945	44	97	708
Sept.		638	2,029	85	238	816
Dec.		632	2,017	76	171	793
Mar.	1959	653	2,104	32	67	752
June		785	2,531	57	136	928
Sept.		755	2,456	59	150	895
COMPLETIONS						
Year:	1954-55	610	1,721	9	19	688
	1955-56	643	1,940	7	17	721
	1956-57	599	1,900	19	43	688
	1957-58	634	2,059	31	73	733
	1958-59	679	2,188	53	130	808
Quarter:						
Dec.	1956	670	2,088	25	64	761
Mar.	1957	543	1,739	16	37	621
June		570	1,827	31	61	677
Sept.		641	2,036	32	82	743
Dec.		686	2,245	26	59	795
Mar.	1958	583	1,922	40	94	680
June		625	2,032	26	55	714
Sept.		680	2,191	54	131	799
Dec.		679	2,198	67	167	830
Mar.	1959	611	1,959	49	123	734
June		744	2,404	43	98	869
Sept.		719	2,339	51	119	853

(a) See notes (b) and (c) on page 5.

BUILDINGS - PERMITS (a)

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(METROPOLITAN AREA)

Period	Houses		Flats		Total Buildings(a)	
	Number (b)	Value (£'000)	Number (b)	Value (£'000)	Number	Value (£'000)
<u>MONTHLY AVERAGES</u>						
Year: 1954-55	477	1,339	6	11	537	1,845
1955-56	471	1,447	11	17	537	2,080
1956-57	361	1,140	37	64	448	1,526
1957-58	381	1,220	45	73	474	1,740
1958-59	r 406	r 1,311	r 53	r 125	492	1,953
<u>QUARTERLY AVERAGES</u>						
Quarter: Mar. 1957	308	1,000	19	34	376	1,332
June	439	1,386	65	112	558	1,931
Sept.	471	1,519	43	69	567	2,011
Dec.	357	1,127	44	72	449	1,549
Mar. 1958	302	1,006	49	80	397	1,712
June	392	1,228	43	72	485	1,688
Sept.	481	1,533	58	135	569	2,227
Dec.	r 359	r 1,155	r 50	r 100	446	1,821
Mar. 1959	382	1,238	38	111	450	1,779
June	400	1,319	65	155	502	1,982
Sept.	437	1,482	48	107	527	2,281
Dec.	461	1,526	36	79	531	2,306
<u>MONTHLY TOTALS</u>						
Oct. 1957	399	1,316	34	59	489	1,835
Nov.	458	1,267	37	59	553	r 1,628
Dec.	215	798	62	97	303	1,182
Oct. 1958	406	1,280	26	58	482	2,125
Nov.	377	1,227	82	146	494	1,898
Dec.	295	957	41	95	361	1,441
Oct. 1959	437	1,460	28	62	501	2,358
Nov.	685	2,139	33	81	751	2,898
Dec.	261	978	46	93	341	1,662

(a) Includes Housing Trust, but excludes other Government authorisations.

(b) Each dwelling unit of maisonettes and flats counted separately.

(c) Includes factories, shops and other new buildings.

PRODUCTION - SELECTED COMMODITIES

Period	Coal	Iron Ore (a)	Electricity	Clay Bricks (b)	Cement Roofing Tiles	Sawn Timber (c)
	tons	tons	'000 K.W.H.	'000	'000	'000 sup.ft.
<u>MONTHLY AVERAGES</u>						
Year: 1954-55	41,343	247,561	93,270	6,069	694	6,829
1955-56	37,555	268,980	100,293	6,235	805	8,295
1956-57	43,829	297,834	109,601	6,409	687	7,773
1957-58	59,131	276,729	131,737	6,998	650	6,909
1958-59	61,269	284,697	p 132,643	p 8,787	p 664	p 9,615
<u>Quarters</u>						
Sept. 1957	64,656	263,655	142,000	7,194	669	6,503
Dec.	50,323	295,178	129,100	6,890	640	6,263
Mar. 1958	63,951	273,373	126,000	6,709	633	6,839
June	57,593	274,712	129,800	7,200	658	8,030
Sept.	69,083	287,921	p 141,816	p 8,852	p 679	p 8,814
Dec.	61,046	281,526	p 120,434	p 8,861	p 574	p 9,091
Mar. 1959	54,418	278,090	p 128,145	p 7,989	p 584	p 8,847
June	60,530	291,251	p 140,179	p 9,445	p 820	p 11,708
Sept.	56,295	289,128	p 157,859	p 9,882	p 930	p 11,110
Dec.	58,882	282,600	p 147,555	n.a.	p 873	n.a.
<u>MONTHLY TOTALS</u>						
Oct. 1957	56,982	n.a.	129,100	7,367	727	6,474
Nov.	53,036	n.a.	129,700	7,314	689	6,528
Dec.	40,951	n.a.	128,500	5,989	503	5,786
Oct. 1958	63,319	n.a.	p 124,782	p 9,543	p 612	p 8,859
Nov.	63,353	n.a.	p 117,528	p 8,840	p 603	p 9,067
Dec.	56,467	n.a.	p 118,992	p 8,201	p 507	p 9,348
Oct. 1959	58,568	n.a.	p 149,167	p 9,784	p 795	p 10,206
Nov.	57,562	n.a.	p 147,377	p 10,056	p 959	p 10,424
Dec.	60,516	n.a.	p 146,120	n.a.	p 866	n.a.

(a) Includes Jaspalite.

(b) Standard size, common and coloured.

(c) From Australian logs only

PRODUCTION - SELECTED COMMODITIES

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Period	Paints (other than water)& Enamels	Water Paints (Emulsion type)	Fibrous Plaster Sheets	Electric Storage Hot Water Systems	Electric Washing Machines	Bath Heaters (all kinds)	Caravans
	galls	galls	Sq.yds	No	No.	No.	No.
MONTHLY AVERAGES							
Year: 1954-55	n.a.	n.a.	91,417	478	6,432	1,014	29
1955-56	n.a.	n.a.	86,102	509	5,897	1,007	63
1956-57	n.a.	n.a.	74,868	379	4,348	951	66
1957-58	106,419	25,437	76,293	428	5,182	902	70
1958-59 p	99,554	16,531	84,852	514	6,467	830	77
Quarter:							
Sept. 1957	100,056	35,442	80,699	471	4,575	1,178	66
Dec.	119,989	32,316	78,621	416	4,673	980	87
Mar. 1958	112,679	19,715	67,394	376	5,121	666	73
June	92,951	14,275	78,457	448	6,359	784	55
Sept. p	106,590	20,451	88,825	505	6,647	1,041	76
Dec. p	113,969	17,339	81,838	509	6,528	863	111
Mar. 1959 p	87,269	14,270	79,844	472	5,413	679	61
June p	90,389	14,065	88,902	568	7,278	737	59
Sept. p	93,469	12,619	101,397	682	6,883	948	85
Dec. p	94,216	16,582	91,282	612	5,253	613	125
MONTHLY TOTALS							
Oct. 1957	119,133	39,768	86,193	441	4,677	1,163	85
Nov.	132,636	34,192	85,340	479	4,562	962	90
Dec.	108,199	22,988	64,329	329	4,781	816	85
Oct. 1958 p	118,793	17,606	93,445	530	7,101	1,066	105
Nov. p	120,063	17,691	81,159	434	6,401	859	119
Dec. p	103,050	16,719	70,911	562	6,083	664	107
Oct. 1959 p	96,289	14,756	95,459	639	5,743	648	130
Nov. p	101,809	19,052	96,820	577	5,601	603	120
Dec. p	84,551	15,939	81,566	620	4,416	589	126

PRODUCTION - SELECTED COMMODITIES

Period		Inner Spring Mattresses	Footwear (a)	Men's 2 piece suits	Sports trousers	Meat (b)	
		No.	pairs	No.	pairs	Beef and Veal	Lamb and Mutton
MONTHLY AVERAGES						tons	tons
Year:	1954-55	2,784	127,953	n.a.	n.a.	2,869	4,154
	1955-56	3,526	128,112	n.a.	n.a.	3,126	3,695
	1956-57	3,601	133,352	n.a.	n.a.	3,355	3,547
	1957-58	4,127	139,259	2,179	6,544	3,423	4,473
	1958-59 p	4,142	133,479	2,210	4,713	3,479	4,510
Quarter:							
Sept.	1957	4,331	150,138	2,590	6,646	3,461	3,484
Dec.		4,383	131,387	2,527	6,429	3,420	6,460
Mar.	1958	3,981	127,128	1,945	6,673	3,280	4,549
June		3,814	148,381	1,655	6,427	3,529	3,401
Sept.	p	4,190	144,857	2,495	4,314	3,102	3,780
Dec.	p	4,215	129,360	2,313	5,725	3,631	6,634
Mar.	1959 p	3,813	106,764	1,853	4,233	3,636	4,036
June	p	4,349	152,935	2,180	4,582	3,548	3,589
Sept.	p	4,529	140,143	2,581	4,333	3,106	4,738
Dec.	p	4,819	132,888	n.a.	n.a.	2,996	6,706
MONTHLY TOTALS							
Oct.	1957	4,429	145,957	2,608	6,012	3,756	7,823
Nov.		4,312	140,352	2,528	6,934	3,174	6,361
Dec.		4,408	107,852	2,446	6,342	3,329	5,197
Oct.	1958 p	4,224	147,037	2,684	6,545	3,621	7,908
Nov.	p	3,663	129,666	2,174	5,968	3,672	6,603
Dec.	p	4,759	111,379	2,081	4,663	3,599	5,390
Oct.	1959 p	4,199	140,925	3,340	4,881	3,146	7,884
Nov.	p	4,416	141,755	2,783	5,939	2,930	6,877
Dec.	p	5,841	115,984	n.a.	n.a.	2,911	5,356

(a) Excludes infants' soft-soled nursery footwear.

(b) Bone-in weight.

PRODUCTION - SELECTED COMMODITIES

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Period	Butter (a)	Cheese (a)	Bacon and Ham (b)	Confect- ionery	Margarine	Aerated Waters
'000 lbs.						
<u>MONTHLY AVERAGES</u>						
Year: 1954-55	1,588	2,446	582	357	171	574
1955-56	1,598	2,358	617	391	190	621
1956-57	1,576	2,232	590	415	238	546
1957-58	1,313	1,959	554	409	257	612
1958-59 p	1,317	2,084	541	450	273	684
<u>Quarter:</u>						
Sept. 1957	1,625	2,565	544	471	315	n.a.
Dec.	1,885	3,491	680	385	216	n.a.
Mar. 1958	884	966	500	351	230	844
June	856	815	493	429	267	454
Sept. p	1,575	2,428	538	520	314	416
Dec. p	1,911	3,736	669	430	238	819
Mar. 1959 p	906	1,233	454	348	257	987
June p	876	939	505	500	284	515
Sept. p	1,284	2,274	563	566	314	573
Dec. p	n.a.	n.a.	676	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
<u>MONTHLY TOTALS</u>						
Oct. 1957	2,182	4,127	650	443	341	n.a.
Nov.	1,920	3,704	626	390	187	n.a.
Dec.	1,554	2,641	763	323	118	n.a.
Oct. 1958 p	2,210	4,137	585	465	366	617
Nov. p	1,869	3,947	615	439	202	833
Dec. p	1,655	3,123	806	387	145	1,006
Oct. 1959 p	1,688	4,008	608	450	360	762
Nov. p	1,539	3,377	620	512	269	1,174
Dec. p	n.a.	n.a.	799	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.

(a) Factory production only.

(b) Finished weight.

EXPORTS - QUANTITY OF PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES

Period	Lamb '000 lbs	Wheat '000 bush	Barley '000 bush	Wool (a) '000 lbs	Lead (Pig) '000 cwt	Minerals (b) '000 cwt
MONTHLY AVERAGES						
Year: 1954-55	2,136	1,164	1,228	9,763	229	421
1955-56	1,437	1,325	1,159	11,772	239	470
1956-57	1,123	1,677	1,559	12,967	268	491
1957-58	1,394	1,229	1,466	11,516	272	655
1958-59 p	1,790	1,212	1,483	13,056	237	510
Quarter:						
Dec. 1956	2,981	1,880	194	14,223	346	534
Mar. 1957	782	1,809	2,137	13,492	290	451
June	6	1,549	1,887	14,432	243	428
Sept.	148	1,366	2,600	10,665	262	1,038
Dec.	3,980	1,584	1,118	14,817	253	630
Mar. 1958	1,075	1,136	856	10,970	301	554
June	374	829	1,290	9,610	270	397
Sept. p	558	914	1,458	9,671	203	555
Dec. p	4,389	1,044	132	16,311	252	571
Mar. 1959 p	2,161	1,678	2,415	12,850	241	278
June p	51	1,212	1,926	13,390	253	636
Sept. p	331	2,199	1,284	11,413	139	530
MONTHLY TOTALS						
Sept. 1957	442	644	2,024	13,110	314	993
Oct.	2,203	1,851	2,095	15,795	324	823
Nov.	2,348	1,698	972	17,303	262	742
Sept. 1958 p	1,359	830	413	12,073	200	908
Oct. p	1,864	1,567	53	16,011	331	587
Nov. p	5,339	982	254	18,506	257	619
Sept. 1959 p	818	2,371	1,065	11,142	62	763
Oct. p	1,783	264	2,491	15,485	252	331
Nov. p	2,891	1,374	3,216	20,983	365	476

(a) Greasy, including scoured, tops, noils and soft wool waste converted to greasy equivalent.

(b) Mainly copper, lead and zinc concentrates and ores.

EXPORTS - VALUE OF PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES

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Period	Total Exports	Lamb	Wheat	Barley	Wool	Lead (Pig)	Minerals (a)
£'000							
MONTHLY AVERAGES							
Year:	1954-55	8,139	223	825	658	2,883	1,399
	1955-56	7,923	141	921	586	2,919	1,598
	1956-57	10,244	95	1,152	772	4,122	1,834
	1957-58	8,323	139	890	716	3,045	1,309
	1958-59 p	7,578	179	847	855	2,628	1,036
Quarter:							
Dec.	1956	10,498	252	1,295	112	4,378	2,434
Mar.	1957	11,072	65	1,274	1,101	4,408	2,007
June		10,822	1	1,066	881	4,970	1,556
Sept.		9,476	15	960	1,186	3,258	1,454
Dec.		9,502	398	1,142	502	4,060	1,291
Mar.	1958	7,462	104	830	470	2,747	1,316
June		6,854	37	630	705	2,115	1,173
Sept.	p	6,426	56	686	804	2,020	867
Dec.	p	7,540	439	763	78	3,160	1,178
Mar.	1959 p	8,002	215	1,150	1,437	2,466	1,042
June	p	8,343	5	790	1,101	2,869	1,059
Sept.	p	7,868	33	1,529	615	2,581	599
MONTHLY TOTALS							
Sept.	1957	9,586	44	477	910	4,023	1,717
Oct.		11,592	219	1,339	972	4,638	1,699
Nov.		9,984	235	1,205	414	4,578	1,346
Sept.	1958 p	6,381	136	631	217	2,485	841
Oct.	p	8,257	186	1,165	29	3,083	1,642
Nov.	p	8,065	539	705	151	3,631	1,156
Sept.	1959 p	7,848	81	1,669	479	2,672	291
Oct.	p	8,349	178	192	1,053	3,636	1,102
Nov.	p	12,136	193	977	1,423	5,421	1,694

(a) Mainly copper, lead and zinc concentrates and ores.

IMPORTS - VALUE OF PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES

Period	Total Imports	Motor Vehicles & Parts	Machinery		Iron & Steel (b)	Textiles	Timber					
			Electric Motors (a)	Other								
£'000												
<u>MONTHLY AVERAGES</u>												
Year:	1954-55	5,400	886	225	638	350	209					
	1955-56	5,229	707	289	661	582	281					
	1956-57	3,784	378	230	551	282	234					
	1957-58	3,925	367	251	614	212	223					
	1958-59	3,779	r 433	r 312	r 560	166	235					
Quarter:							r 172					
Dec.	1956	3,743	372	198	535	201	260					
Mar.	1957	3,428	298	222	507	279	233					
June		3,195	234	197	472	241	205					
Sept.		4,357	398	297	786	276	225					
Dec.		3,964	399	209	600	184	225					
Mar.	1958	4,052	369	315	621	231	245					
June		3,328	304	181	447	157	230					
Sept.		r 3,659	431	r 284	521	167	255					
Dec.		r 3,970	r 338	261	r 566	162	r 214					
Mar.	1959	r 3,647	r 316	r 396	r 553	188	r 169					
June		r 3,840	r 647	308	r 600	r 147	124					
Sept.	p	r 4,499	613	373	651	154	r 181					
							218					
<u>MONTHLY TOTALS</u>												
Sept.	1957	3,749	259	262	551	301	128					
Oct.		4,443	320	193	483	140	242					
Nov.		4,408	644	235	806	227	273					
Sept.	1958	r 3,591	232	237	617	162	288					
Oct.		4,665	357	367	579	174	238					
Nov.		3,435	430	216	556	150	94					
Sept.	1959	p r 5,053	833	528	770	165	229					
Oct.		p r 3,999	322	427	899	64	173					
Nov.		p 4,446	544	384	751	190	255					

(a) Dynamo electrical machinery and electrical appliances and equipment.

(b) Metal and semi-manufactures (basic shapes), except wire, but including structural iron and steel.

Period	New Motor Vehicles Registered				Licences Issued		Telephone Services Connected
	Total (a)	Cars	Station Wagons	Trucks & Utilities	Radio	Tele- vision	
<u>MONTHLY AVERAGE</u>	Number of New Registrations						No.
Year: 1955	2,309	1,567	19	461	1,366	..	1,106
1956	1,937	1,278	23	414	1,627	..	1,325
1957	1,906	1,279	51	367	1,486	..	1,337
1958	1,966	1,246	152	357	1,692	..	1,438
1959	2,139	1,253	272	396	1,589	2,838	1,619
<u>Quarter:</u>							No.
Mar. 1957	1,804	1,221	22	379	1,391	..	1,180
June	1,848	1,233	56	366	1,642	..	1,195
Sept.	1,863	1,249	52	350	1,572	..	1,557
Dec.	2,108	1,412	76	373	1,340	..	1,414
Mar. 1958	1,863	1,160	100	342	1,326	..	1,592
June	1,938	1,268	145	324	1,850	..	1,334
Sept.	1,891	1,209	158	343	1,799	..	1,334
Dec.	2,158	1,340	204	414	1,795	..	1,492
Mar. 1959	1,929	1,156	199	389	1,444	..	1,341
June	1,947	1,088	234	403	1,897	2,007	2,032
Sept.	2,135	1,222	313	377	1,644	3,752	1,595
Dec.	2,546	1,546	342	416	1,372	5,594	1,509
<u>MONTHLY TOTALS</u>							
Oct. 1957	2,095	1,383	64	387	1,254	..	1,680
Nov.	2,160	1,444	82	400	1,698	..	1,489
Dec.	2,070	1,409	82	331	1,067	..	1,074
Oct. 1958	2,133	1,382	166	410	1,882	..	1,594
Nov.	2,189	1,299	219	453	1,408	..	1,487
Dec.	2,151	1,339	226	378	2,094	..	1,394
Oct. 1959	2,524	1,565	353	390	1,760	5,744	1,624
Nov.	2,612	1,536	366	441	1,147	5,974	1,431
Dec.	2,502	1,538	307	418	1,210	5,065	1,471
<u>AS AT 31ST DEC.</u>	Total Vehicles on Register (b)				Total (c)		
1957	255,609	168,591	66,118	235,583	..	164,184	
1958	266,563	179,216	67,120	244,622	..	175,148	
1959	270,934	187,052	65,855	249,540	34,060	186,984	

(a) Includes other types of vehicles, e.g. Buses, Motor Cycles

(b) Figures supplied by Registrar of Motor Vehicles - NOT directly comparable with New Registrations, e.g. Cars include station wagons.

(c) Total existing licences and phones includes Northern Territory (as at 30th June, 1959, Radio licences 3,260, Phones 3,211).

RETAIL SALES

Period	Food-stuffs (a)	Beer, Wine & Spirits	Clothing Footwear etc.	Electri- cal Goods (b)	Other Goods (c)	Total (excl. motor vehicles)	Motor Vehicles
<u>MONTHLY AVERAGES</u>							
Year:					£ million		
1952-53	4.0	1.2	2.8	0.6	3.4	12.0	3.8
1953-54	4.3	1.3	3.0	0.7	3.7	13.0	4.3
1954-55	4.8	1.4	3.3	0.7	4.0	14.2	5.1
1955-56	5.2	1.5	3.5	0.8	4.3	15.3	5.5
1956-57	5.6	1.7	3.4	0.8	4.5	16.0	5.6
1957-58 P	5.7	1.7	3.4	0.9	4.5	16.2	5.6
1958-59 P	6.2	1.6	3.6	1.0	4.7	17.1	6.0
Quarter:							
Dec. 1956	5.9	1.9	3.9	0.9	5.1	17.7	5.8
Mar. 1957	5.5	1.8	2.9	0.7	4.3	15.2	5.5
June	5.6	1.5	3.7	0.7	4.3	15.8	5.7
Sept. P	5.6	1.5	3.3	0.7	4.3	15.4	5.6
Dec. P	5.8	1.9	4.0	1.1	5.1	17.9	5.8
Mar. 1958 P	5.6	1.8	2.9	0.9	4.2	15.4	5.6
June P	5.7	1.5	3.6	0.8	4.4	16.0	5.4
Sept. P	5.9	1.4	3.4	0.9	4.5	16.1	5.7
Dec. P	6.5	1.8	4.1	1.1	5.3	18.8	6.3
Mar. 1959 P	6.2	1.8	3.0	0.9	4.4	16.3	6.0
June P	6.3	1.5	3.9	1.1	4.7	17.5	6.2
Sept. P	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	17.7	n.a.

(a) Includes groceries, butchers' meat, fresh fruit and vegetables, confectionery, soft drinks, ice cream, cakes, pastry, cooked provisions, fish, etc., but excludes some delivered milk and bread.

(b) Includes radios, television and accessories, musical instruments, domestic refrigerators, etc.

(c) Includes tobacco, cigarettes, etc., newspapers, books and stationery, chemists' goods, grain and produce, jewellery, office equipment, etc. Excludes basic building materials (e.g. timber, roofing tiles, bricks, etc.).

(Of Finance Businesses which finance the sale of goods by retail, but do not retail goods themselves)

Period	Number of agreements	Value of goods sold (b)	Amount financed (c)	Balances outstanding (end of period)
	No.	£'000	£'000	£'000
<u>MONTHLY AVERAGES</u>				
Year: 1954-55	7,395	2,296	1,403	18,633
1955-56	7,852	2,471	1,518	21,618
1956-57	8,521	2,810	1,770	25,349
1957-58	10,765	2,921	1,898	28,761
1958-59	11,817	3,151	2,077	32,862
<u>Quarters</u>				
Dec. 1956	9,451	3,129	1,973	24,751
Mar. 1957	8,195	2,776	1,754	25,226
June	8,482	2,599	1,640	25,349
Sept.	9,645	2,683	1,726	25,800
Dec.	11,717	3,084	2,011	27,454
Mar. 1958	10,714	2,920	1,895	27,898
June	10,986	2,996	1,961	28,761
Sept.	11,427	3,008	1,964	29,719
Dec.	13,145	3,474	2,293	31,867
Mar. 1959	11,164	2,963	1,952	32,143
June	11,531	3,160	2,099	32,862
Sept.	11,898	3,381	2,254	34,346
<u>MONTHLY TOTALS</u>				
Sept. 1957	9,587	2,728	1,756	25,800
Oct.	10,895	3,054	1,945	26,191
Nov.	11,702	3,171	2,068	26,727
Sept. 1958	12,356	3,191	2,076	29,719
Oct.	12,398	3,528	2,332	30,328
Nov.	11,841	3,202	2,063	30,965
July 1959	11,746	3,284	2,173	33,380
Aug.	11,110	3,136	2,080	33,612
Sept.	12,839	3,723	2,508	34,346
Oct.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	p 35,105
Nov.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	p 36,093

(a) Includes Northern Territory

(b) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hire charges and insurance).

(c) Excludes hiring charges and insurance.

STATE FINANCE - CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND

Period	Receipts			Payments			
	Total	Cwlth Grants	Business under-takings	Total	Social Services	Debt Charges	Business under-takings
£'000							
MONTHLY AVERAGES							
Year: 1954-55	4,324	1,343	1,752	4,510	1,159	815	1,556
1955-56	4,950	1,665	1,885	5,069	1,363	982	1,593
1956-57	5,480	1,885	1,995	5,484	1,504	1,101	1,639
1957-58	5,887	2,050	2,109	5,920	1,659	1,217	1,705
1958-59	6,057	2,089	2,099	6,142	1,908	1,340	1,601
Quarter:							
Mar. 1957	5,614	1,687	2,149	4,979	1,380	957	1,515
June	6,583	2,668	1,926	6,262	1,702	1,439	1,754
Sept.	4,820	1,700	1,726	3,962	1,549	901	1,720
Dec.	6,002	1,842	2,626	6,320	1,674	1,344	1,762
Mar. 1958	5,806	1,710	2,236	5,492	1,554	899	1,620
June	6,919	2,949	1,849	6,907	1,857	1,721	1,716
Sept.	4,627	1,724	1,390	5,193	1,747	994	1,611
Dec.	6,433	1,820	2,832	6,693	1,945	1,457	1,603
Mar. 1959	5,784	1,770	2,175	5,617	1,772	1,090	1,538
June	7,383	3,043	1,998	7,066	2,167	1,817	1,651
Sept.	5,201	1,916	1,666	5,898	2,096	1,198	1,719
Dec.	6,775	2,037	2,762	7,030	2,162	1,536	1,645
MONTHLY TOTALS							
Oct. 1957	4,959	1,713	2,032	6,170	1,668	1,644	1,913
Nov.	7,110	1,699	3,973	7,823	1,552	1,941	1,715
Dec.	5,937	2,115	1,874	4,968	1,802	447	1,659
Oct. 1958	6,944	1,929	3,645	7,937	1,798	1,783	1,709
Nov.	5,602	1,753	2,220	6,652	1,728	2,149	1,549
Dec.	6,752	1,777	2,632	5,489	2,310	440	1,551
Oct. 1959	5,403	1,904	2,057	6,299	1,989	1,829	1,662
Nov.	8,118	2,303	3,922	8,232	1,916	2,010	1,697
Dec.	6,805	1,903	2,306	6,560	2,580	768	1,577

Period	Real Estate			Savings Banks	Cheque Paying Banks		
	Mortgages		Transferred	Balance of Deposits	Balance of Deposits	Balance of Advances	Debits to Clients' Accounts
	Loaned	Discharged					
£'000							
MONTHLY AVERAGES					(a)	(a)	(b)
Year: 1954-55	3,107	1,321	5,391	127,325	124,458	52,117	36,339
1955-56	3,186	1,405	5,537	133,068	122,374	54,499	39,618
1956-57	3,538	1,306	5,190	138,352	126,242	53,260	42,773
1957-58	3,695	1,697	6,034	145,615	134,711	57,286	44,370
1958-59	4,747	1,795	6,541	151,427	132,179	62,791	46,291
Quarter:							
Mar. 1957	3,637	1,324	5,307	138,305	133,002	51,906	44,072
June	3,661	1,410	5,811	139,796	133,516	52,803	45,146
Sept.	3,841	1,849	6,146	143,757	130,381	52,377	43,135
Dec.	3,401	1,504	5,551	146,000	136,037	56,194	46,114
Mar. 1958	3,572	1,613	5,935	146,176	141,178	57,502	43,260
June	3,968	1,820	6,504	146,529	131,350	62,985	44,969
Sept.	5,402	2,234	6,615	149,596	125,208	63,253	42,559
Dec.	4,391	1,643	6,041	150,415	129,536	63,483	47,647
Mar. 1959	4,123	1,345	6,198	151,732	138,129	61,897	46,626
June	5,071	1,957	7,309	153,966	136,299	62,462	48,252
Sept.	5,002	2,374	7,881	r 159,107	132,003	64,645	r 49,587
Dec.	5,086	2,094	7,665	162,352	135,605	66,717	N.A.
MONTHLY TOTALS							
Oct. 1957	4,259	1,602	6,038	146,084	134,647	54,805	44,165
Nov.	3,381	1,547	5,449	146,229	136,370	56,584	45,718
Dec.	2,562	1,364	5,166	145,686	137,908	57,987	48,947
Oct. 1958	4,360	1,666	6,694	150,001	128,091	62,779	45,205
Nov.	4,381	1,662	5,951	150,600	130,068	63,936	46,011
Dec.	4,432	1,601	5,477	150,643	130,812	63,908	51,399
Oct. 1959	5,261	2,235	7,664	r 161,926	132,708	66,395	51,984
Nov.	5,813	2,489	7,569	r 162,931	135,792	67,519	53,259
Dec.	4,183	1,557	7,761	162,200	138,314	66,238	N.A.

(a) Average of balances at close of business on Wednesdays during the period. Banks were exempted from submitting returns for the 5th Wednesday in December, 1954, and the 4th Wednesday in December of the following years.

(b) Average of debits during weeks ending on Wednesdays in the period. Includes Rural Credits, Mortgage Bank, and Industrial Finance Departments of the Commonwealth Bank.

RETAIL PRICE INDEXES, ADELAIDE

Period		"C" SERIES INDEX					
		(Base of each group: weighted average of six capital cities 1923-27 = 1,000)					
Year	1954-55	A	B			A	B
	1955-56	2,659	2,734	1,303	3,228	2,177	2,371
	1956-57	2,724	2,847	1,415	3,240	2,252	2,437
	1957-58	2,707	2,687	1,524	3,324	2,345	2,494
	1958-59	2,924	2,910	1,641	3,333	2,362	2,602
Quarter:	Mar. 1958	2,646	2,635	1,516	3,329	2,350	2,472
	June	2,763	2,727	1,592	3,355	2,350	2,537
	Sept.	2,853	2,815	1,618	3,356	2,364	2,577
	Dec.	2,899	2,894	1,640	3,331	2,364	2,593
	Mar. 1959	2,936	2,946	1,651	3,319	2,360	2,605
	June	3,007	2,984	1,657	3,325	2,359	2,632
	Sept.	3,044	3,024	1,680	3,355	2,434	2,672
	Dec.	3,036	3,037	1,706	3,402	2,454	2,689
Period		INTERIM INDEX					
		(Base of each group: 1952-53 = 100)					
		Food		Rent	Clothing and Drapery	Other	All Groups
		A	B			A	B
Year:	1954-55	106.3	106.2	105.6	102.9	99.9	103.6
	1955-56	108.7	111.1	114.9	102.9	103.7	106.3
	1956-57	111.1	114.9	124.8	103.9	107.9	109.5
	1957-58	112.2	111.9	134.6	107.1	111.2	112.6
	1958-59	118.0	118.0	144.9	107.9	113.0	116.4
Quarter:	Mar. 1958	110.9	110.8	133.9	107.2	111.4	112.1
	June	114.2	113.4	140.6	108.1	111.6	114.2
	Sept.	116.0	115.3	143.0	108.2	112.6	115.4
	Dec.	116.9	117.2	144.8	108.0	112.6	115.9
	Mar. 1959	118.4	119.1	145.7	107.6	113.3	116.6
	June	120.7	120.5	146.2	107.8	113.5	117.6
	Sept.	121.2	121.1	148.1	108.7	117.5	119.2
	Dec.	120.3	120.8	150.4	109.8	119.1	119.8

A excludes and B includes price movements of potatoes and onions.

RAINFALL-AGRICULTURAL AREAS

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Period	Statistical Division							Whole State
	Central	Lower North	Upper North	South Eastern	Western	Murray Mallee		
Inches								
Year:								
1955	22.72	19.28	17.03	27.01	17.42	16.68		19.36
1956	20.88	21.13	18.45	28.10	21.46	16.51		20.46
1957	11.36	10.62	10.23	17.39	8.73	8.19		10.06
1958 r	17.29	15.70	17.29	23.59	16.02	13.45		16.23
1959 p	10.97	9.53	9.30	14.07	8.33	8.13		9.44
Wheatgrowing Season								
(Apr.-Nov.) -								
1955	18.70	15.24	12.76	23.72	14.44	13.00		15.71
1956	18.86	18.98	16.09	24.78	19.26	13.82		18.18
1957	10.38	9.36	8.15	14.44	7.34	6.58		8.67
1958 r	15.65	13.67	15.32	22.27	13.20	11.86		14.19
1959pr	7.19	6.01	5.90	8.87	5.82	5.38		6.23
Month:								
April	1958 r	0.67	0.67	0.55	0.64	0.49	0.52	0.59
May	r	3.58	2.62	1.27	5.20	2.62	2.13	2.84
June	r	0.42	0.14	0.02	1.15	0.33	0.12	0.30
July	r	2.60	1.84	2.02	4.11	2.33	1.70	2.25
Aug.	r	2.66	2.79	3.37	3.83	2.54	2.27	2.67
Sept.	r	3.17	3.20	3.72	2.55	2.80	1.96	2.85
Oct.	r	2.13	1.74	2.29	3.47	1.56	1.97	1.94
Nov.	r	0.42	0.67	2.08	1.32	0.53	1.19	0.75
Dec.		0.38	0.52	0.39	0.30	1.24	0.34	0.64
April	1959 p	0.27	0.30	0.11	r 0.43	r 0.22	0.09	r 0.23
May	p	0.46	0.26	0.47	r 0.65	0.57	0.37	0.44
June	p	0.40	r 0.43	0.23	r 0.84	0.46	0.27	0.41
July	p	1.16	1.44	1.79	r 1.38	1.15	0.63	1.15
Aug.	p	1.47	1.03	0.56	r 2.66	0.61	r 0.87	1.03
Sept.	p	r 1.33	1.01	1.17	r 1.48	1.02	0.93	r 1.10
Oct.	p	1.44	0.90	1.13	r 0.75	r 0.67	r 1.73	r 1.11
Nov.	p	0.66	0.64	0.44	r 0.59	1.12	r 0.49	0.75
Dec.	p	1.26	0.81	0.67	1.80	0.56	0.67	0.85

NOTE: Rainfall figures are calculated averages over agricultural areas only, and are totals of periods shown (not monthly averages).

